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8. Mr. Houston and I discussed with Mr. Kirkpatrick our grave concern with S. 2308. We pointed out that at the present time the Bureau of the Budget was not in a position to coordinate the Executive Department views on this bill as it was not an Executive Department bill and had been prepared by Justice for Senator Williams (R., Del.) as a drafting service. They therefore wished us to comment directly to the Committee on the measure. The Bureau of the Budget has also asked the Veterans Administration and Defense and others to contact the Committee in an attempt to slow the measure down and have it redrafted. I called Roger Jones, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget, to express our concern and state that we would like to negotiate directly with Justice on the measure if the Bureau of the Budget would not take hold. Mr. Burrus subsequently called me to say that Mr. Jones has discussed the matter with him and that we were free to negotiate with Justice but recommends that we not go any lower than Deputy Attorney General Rogers. Mr. Houston has an appointment to see Mr. Rogers at 3:00 on 5 Feb.